



8 June 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
12th Street Lobby, TW-A325
Washington, D C 20554

Re: Ex parte submission
WT Docket 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, June 7, 2005, Paul Margie, Spectrum and International Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, requested additional information from Brenda Battat, Associate Executive Director of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, SHHH, regarding the issues raised in CTIA's Petition for Reconsideration in WT Docket 01-30

CTIA has requested that the Commission revise the current HAC rules for Tier 1 carriers that requires them to offer two HAC-compliant handsets, or 25% whichever is greater, for each air interface by September 16, 2005. They would like the carriers to have the option to make available 4 digital wireless handset models or 25% of the total number of digital wireless handset models currently offered by the carrier nationwide per air interface by September 16, 2005. By September 2006, Tier 1 carriers must make available one additional digital wireless handset model.

SHHH supports the revision that Tier 1 carriers make available 4 HAC-compliant handsets, or 25% of the total number of digital wireless handset models currently offered by the carrier nationwide per air interface, and five digital wireless handsets by September 2006.

Our support of this revision is in no way intended to affect the requirement that half of all digital wireless phone models offered by a manufacturer or carrier be compliant by February 18, 2008, the sunset date for the FCC's requirements that wireless carriers offer analog service.

Additionally CTIA has agreed that its Tier 1 wireless carrier member companies will include HAC information on "call out cards" that are part of the handset display in retail stores. Their Tier 1 members also will provide low-end and high-end HAC compliant handsets with a range of prices. The call out card information will assist consumers in locating a phone more easily and the range gives them price options.

CTIA, in a letter to SHHH, has stated that should compliance by its members prove ineffective, CTIA will explore with its Board of Directors the possibility of including these objectives in the Association's Consumer Code for Wireless Service.

If there are questions related to this ex parte submission please contact Brenda Battat at 301-657-2248.

Yours truly,

Brenda Battat
Associate Executive Director

cc: Paul Margie